

News Release

U of M Crookston Earns Tenth Consecutive Appearance as U.S. News “Best Public College”

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CROOKSTON, Minn. (August 17, 2007) – The University of Minnesota, Crookston was once again recognized as a top public baccalaureate college in the Midwest by U.S.News & World Report. This appearance marks the tenth consecutive time the U of M, Crookston has been recognized.

University of Minnesota, Crookston Chancellor Charles H. Casey said this continued recognition is a credit to dedicated faculty, staff, students and alumni at the University. "Being ranked a 'best public college' is another affirmation of the exceptional applied-learning, technology-driven approach to education that we offer students and of our continued effort to recruit, challenge and educate students as lifelong learners and global citizens."

"At the University of Minnesota, Crookston, our goal is to provide students with personal attention and hands-on experiences so they can secure their U of M degree and move onto a fulfilling career," said Casey.

This fall, the U of M, Crookston has expanded course offerings to include a biology degree and a pre-professional degree option in veterinary medicine in both equine science and animal science. Recent campus investments, including chemistry labs upgrades, a native prairie butterfly garden and a new gymnasium floor, benefit the student experience both academically and athletically and strengthen the core education, research and outreach mission of the University.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston's category in the U.S.News rankings, Top Public Baccalaureate Colleges, is comprised of institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs but grant fewer than 50 percent of their degrees in the liberal arts.

U.S.News ranks colleges and universities in three basic steps. First each school is sorted by mission, and in some cases, region. Data is gathered from each institution for up to 15 indicators of academic excellence, including peer assessment; graduation and retention rates; faculty resources; student selectivity; financial resources and alumni giving. Each factor is assigned a weight reflecting the judgment of U.S.News about how much a measure matters. Finally, the colleges in each category are ranked against their peers, based on their composite weighted score.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) delivers more than 25 applied-science undergraduate degree programs and 50 concentrations, including online degrees, in agriculture; arts, humanities and social sciences; business; math, science and technology; and natural resources. Invent yourself at the University of Minnesota, Crookston – become a leader, innovate through technology and research and secure the career you want. To learn more, visit [www.UMCrookston.edu](http://www.UMCrookston.edu).

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